

In The Specification

Please replace the Specification sections as shown below. A marked up version of these changes is attached to this Amendment. Please replace the application paragraph located at page 8, line 28 to page 9, line 9 with the paragraph shown below:

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With reference to Figure 7, schematic illustrations of the method steps for making the fuel tank filler neck of this invention and attaching the elongated tube member are provided. In step 7a, sheet stock is preformed into a circular blank that is drawn into a funnel shape in step 7b. The ends of the funnel shape are next trimmed in step 7c to remove excess stock and thereby form funnel member 8. In step 7d, pipe stock is cut to desired length to form elongated tube member 24. Elongated tube member 24 is then flared at the ends in step 7e in order to provide an attachment mechanism to the funnel member. The elongated tube and funnel member are then aligned in step 7f and brazed together in step 7g. The funnel member and elongated tube combination is then bent in step 7h. Nozzle receptor 12 is then inserted in step 7i.

On page 9, line 5, the term "step e" was inadvertently replaced by "step i." It is clear that this paragraph describes a progression from steps a to i. From the context, step e is described after step d. Accordingly no new matter is added.

Remarks

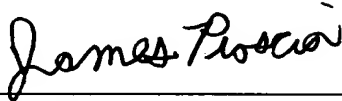
This paper is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Applicant notes that the issue fee has not been paid, or is being submitted simultaneously herewith. Entry of this Amendment does not add any new matter nor does it change the scope of the claims.

Therefore, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in connection

with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF APPLICATION CHANGES****IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 8 beginning on line 28 and ending on page 9, line 9:

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Fig. 21

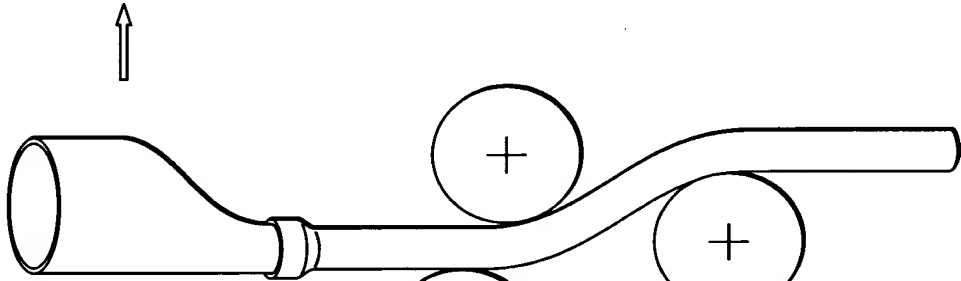


Fig. 22

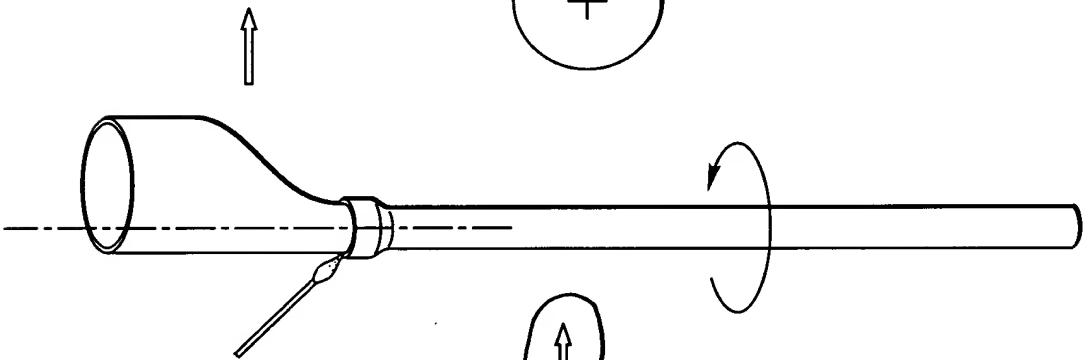


Fig. 23

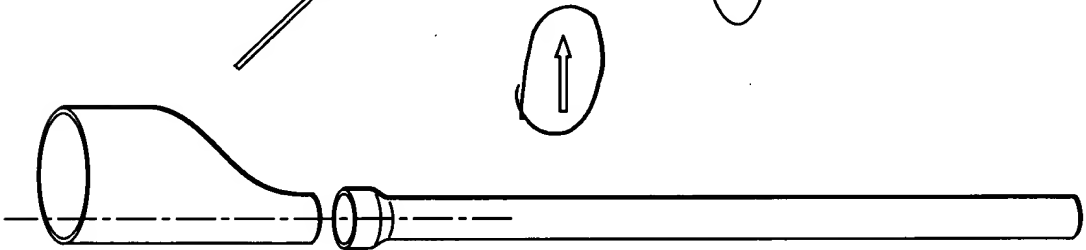


Fig. 24

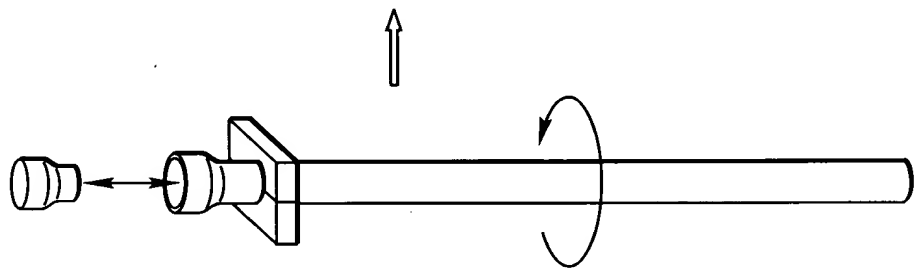


Fig. 25

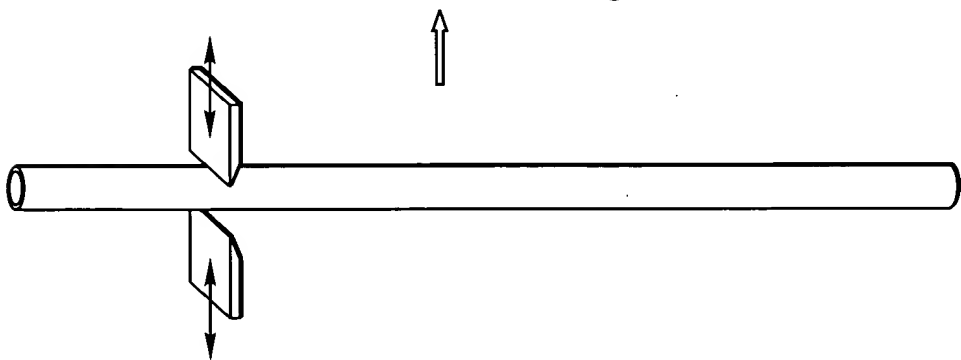


Fig. 26